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## TURKISH TUGBOAT FOULS A MINE BRITISH INQUIRY INTO TITANIC DISASTER IS BEGUN

### The Troops Will Cause Hustling

Word has been received here that the camp equipment necessary to house the First Infantry on its arrival here will reach Honolulu but a few days in advance of the troops and that consequently there will have to be a vast amount of work performed in a very short time to prepare the camp for the newcomers. Board flooring and water connections are required for all the tents so that the question is not merely one of getting the canvas up.

Officers in charge of the matter here are making all arrangements to expedite the work as soon as the camp equipment arrives.

#### The Thomas Troops.

The U. S. transport Thomas, which will arrive here early Saturday morning from Manila and proceed to San

Francisco on the afternoon of the same day, is not crowded with troops although carrying a regiment and a company of coast artillery. The report shows that the Twenty-First Infantry on its arrival here will have but a strength of 387 men. This is due to the new arrangement creating a colonial corps in the Philippines. Under this plan only enlisted men with but a few months to serve are sent home with their regiments. The others are transferred to regiments stationed in the Philippines to bring them up to full war strength.

Because of this all regiments returning from the Philippines in the future will be but skeleton in form both as to officers and men, as the former are needed for the augmented companies in the islands.

### AN ANNOYANCE BEING ENDED MRS. PULLMAN STAYS LONGER

Although it had been announced that Mrs. George M. Pullman and her party would cut short their visit and sail for San Francisco in the Sierra yesterday, Mrs. Pullman changed her plans and will remain here some weeks longer, or until she is again charged with the ownership of the Japanese spaniel now in quarantine, any connection with which Mrs. Pullman bitterly denies.

Friends of Mrs. Pullman say that she was so indignant at the action of a daily newspaper here in charging her with the ownership of the dog in question, that she determined to shorten her visit until assured that the dog would in future be credited to its proper owner.

Meanwhile the kiddle in question is leading an idyllic existence. The

little ball of fuzz has a large tent, divided into eating, sleeping and resting compartments. Its servants are housed in commodious quarters in the rear, and half a score of silk cushions are scattered about on which little ootsy-tootsy can recline whenever it so desires. Its meals are prepared by a special chef and a landscape gardening scheme in palms and flowers has been laid out in front of the tent.

The dog's mistress calls to inquire as to its health every day, but Mrs. Pullman has shown no friendly interest in the creature, it is said, other than to remark that she understood "every dog has his day," and she hoped that Japanese spaniels were not in the habit of exceeding this limit.

### McDuffie Captures A Long Established Distillery at Punaluu

Chief of Detectives McDuffie made a successful raid on an illicit still, destroyed it, and returned home with Sagar and Ohta, the two Japanese who were running the outfit and sufficient evidence to convict them.

The raid was made far up Punaluu Valley under the most trying conditions and McDuffie and his assistants are to be commended for their good work.

Punaluu Valley has for years been the source of the windward side of the island's okolehao supply and the federal officials have tried in vain to put a stop to the nefarious traffic. The Japanese who operate the stills in the valley have many good friends all the way from Kahana to Kahuku and heretofore it has been impossible for police or federals to get accurate word of the location of the stills which were known to exist.

The Start.  
At eight o'clock last night McDuffie and Officers Olsen, Swaden, Belmont and Assistant Chief of Detectives Kellett started out for Punaluu under the guidance of an informer, who, by the way, was not a Japanese.

The trail led up the valley for about four miles and then branched off into a gulch where a swollen torrent had to be made way against. This stream was so strong that it was with difficulty that the officers kept their feet,

indeed more than once they slipped and fell and got wet to the skin, revolvers and all.

#### A Hard Trail.

The moon was shining brightly and this helped a little but the winning of the way to the still was an arduous task. Keawe and Klu thickets had to be brushed through and now and again a forest of whippy guava would be encountered.

#### The Arrests.

It was not until 1:15 a. m. that the still was located. In a hut nearby two Japanese were discovered asleep. McDuffie crawled into the hut, covered the men with his gun and woke them up. They came to their senses looking into the barrel of a 38 Colt's revolver, and their demeanor was mighty agreeable.

Two mash tubs were found, three feet square and four feet deep. The first tubs of mash had just been run off, twenty-one gallons of pure ti-root okolehao resulting.

#### Still Destroyed.

This stuff was seized by the police with the exception of one gallon, which was poured over the hut and then set fire to.

The still and the tubs were then destroyed. The worm was brought (Continued on Page Five.)

### MONEY FOR HILO AND KAHULUI

(Special Cablegram to the Star.)  
WASHINGTON, May 2.—The Rivers and Harbors bill reported to the Senate contains an appropriation of \$100,000 for Kahului and \$76,000 for Hilo.

### GOVERNOR TO LEAVE MAY 14

Governor Frear will, unless a unforeseen event crops up, sail for the mainland in the China, a week from Tuesday next. The governor announced this fact this morning, and he sees no reason why he cannot catch the China.

From San Francisco the governor will proceed to Boston, where his family will be met. After a brief stay there, he will go to Washington. Later on the governor will proceed to Chicago, where he will act as a delegate to the National Republican convention.

This morning the governor was busy with Marston Campbell, Andrew Adams and the attorney general. Loan fund matters were discussed, and the estimates of future expenditures were taken up. This was done in order to see how things are going and to see when it will be necessary to have the new bond issue.

In some instances the money will not be sufficient to carry out the plans suggested. In those cases the money may be switched to other things.

Arrangements are being made for plans and specifications of different works so that, after the issue of the bonds, the work can be gone ahead with at once.

### CHIEF M'DUFFIE WON'T RESIGN

A rumor was flying around town this morning that Chief of Detectives McDuffie was going to resign his position and take a federal secret service job.

Asked by a Star man as to the truth or otherwise of this report, McDuffie said that there was not the slightest foundation for it and that he had no idea where the rumor originated.

### COUNTY OFFICES CHANGE PLACES

A rearrangement of offices in the city hall was effected yesterday when the city and county engineer's department moved over, bag and baggage, into the offices heretofore occupied by the garbage department and by the building and plumbing inspector, on Fort street side of the McIntyre building. The garbage department and the building and plumbing inspector have in turn taken the engineer's former offices on the Bishop street side of the block.

By this change the engineer's department is put in a suite of rooms adjoining the office of the road supervisor, where it naturally belongs, while the garbage and inspector's offices find ample quarters close together, and, as they are more or less related, find the change a convenience also.

### Spreckels Lot for Big Structure

Negotiations are at the present time under way looking to the securing of the portion of the Spreckels property at the makai-Waikiki corner of Bishop and Merchant streets as a site for the proposed building to be built jointly by the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Association, Commercial Club and Stock and Bond Exchange. The sub-committee which has this matter in hand, has been at work for the past two weeks and, in view of the fact that the Spreckels' heirs' controversy which has been dragging on in the California courts has finally been definitely decided by a supreme court decision, the members are very hopeful that a satisfactory proposition can be made with reference to the lot desired.

At the last meeting of the joint committee it was very definitely de-

cided that the commercial bodies should own their own building and the land it stood upon, rather than to consider leasing. The prospect of getting the Spreckels property seems to have met with universal approval, as it is generally believed that the location would be an ideal one.

In case the lot in question should be secured, it is proposed that a building of not less than four stories would be erected, the ground floor to furnish space for the Stock Exchange and for the Hawaii Promotion Committee, and possibly some retail stores; while the upper floors would be devoted to the needs of the other organizations, at the same time possibly furnishing some extra office space which might serve to help out the revenue needed to maintain such a structure.

### Bishop Estate Roaring at Its Assessments

The Bishop Estate, through its trustees, has filed with the tax assessor notices of appeal from assessments made on practically all of its large amount of property on Oahu, and presumably has done the same in connection with its lands on the other islands, which come in other tax divisions. Practically all of the plantations have also filed exceptions to the returns on their property found by the tax board, but with a very few exceptions all of the small property owners, both corporate and private, have availed their dose with no further protest than oral mutterings.

And the time of filing protests under the law ended last evening.

### TWO MATTERS OF IMPROVEMENT

Plans in considerable detail, with estimates of cost of carrying out the scheme of parking Kalakaua avenue, have been promised by City and County Engineer Whitehouse to the committee of the Central Improvement League which is handling this matter. It is expected that the committee, armed with these figures will have a comprehensive report to submit at the next meeting of the organization, which is to be called shortly.

Another report of a good deal of general interest is that of the legislative committee which has been asked to go into the "Manoa Plan" of street improvement by direct assessment of the abutting property owners of a portion of the cost of the work; and of giving the owners of property directly benefited, the right to decide whether or not paying shall be done, and other details concerning it. This is a matter which it is certain will be presented in some form to the next legislature for passage, and the improvement league hopes to have the matter pretty thoroughly worked out before that time.

Assessor Chas. T. Wilder has received the protest notices which piled in at the last hour, but has not tabulated them and will probably not be in position to state just what they amount to until tomorrow.

#### Bishop Estate's Big Kick.

In the matter of the Bishop Estate, notice of protest, with checks to cover court costs, have been filed for its lands in each separate district. In some of these, the discrepancy between the values returned by the Estate and those found by the tax board or appraisers represents a doubling of the amount returned. In other cases the assessors value of property six or seven times what the trustees say it is worth. In one case the Estate claims some 825 acres of lands, lying mauka of School street in Honolulu, to be exempt, on the ground that it is used for pasturing the cattle of the Kamehameha Schools. The tax office has assessed this at over \$200,000. A portion of this land is the land adjoining the beautiful Alewa Heights tract, which it was announced recently (Continued on page Four)

### NEW RESERVOIR ON ROCKY HILL

Before long there will be a two-million gallon reservoir constructed on Rocky Hill, near Oahu College. A survey is being made now on the line that will convey the water from Manoa Valley to the new reservoir. The water will have to be forced through the mains to the height of the big tank.

The trustees of Oahu College have agreed to give the site for the reservoir, and a communication from Walter F. Dillingham to that effect has been received by the superintendent of public works.

As soon as the survey is completed the reservoir matter will be taken up again with the trustees of the college.

### OFFICERS AND MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

(Associated Press Cables to the Star.)  
CONSTANTINOPLE, May 2.—Four Turkish officers and twelve soldiers were killed today in a sinking tugboat which fouled a mine which had been laid in the Dardanelles as a protection against Italian ships of war.

**RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL.**  
WASHINGTON, May 2.—The Senate Commerce Committee has sanctioned the rivers and harbors bill at \$32,126,530, an increase of \$8,064,010 over the House appropriation, including \$6,000,000 for the Mississippi valley.

**SUES FEDERAL REFINERY.**  
WASHINGTON, May 2.—Attorney General Wickersham has sued the Federal Sugar Refining Company for \$100,000 on account of underweighing imports.

**BRITISH WRECK INVESTIGATION.**  
LONDON, May 2.—Lord Mersey, the crown's wreck commissioner, will begin today the British inquiry into the wreck of the Titanic. Twenty-six questions will be propounded to the witnesses.

**ANOTHER LEVEE BREAKS.**  
ANGOLA, La., May 2.—The levee protecting the State convict plantation broke today and the natives are in wild flight. The break has caused the flooding of 5000 acres.

**PROTECTION FOR SEAFARERS.**  
WASHINGTON, May 2.—The House marine committee has sanctioned the Alexander bill to equip all American vessels with lifeboats enough to carry all on board.

**THE GERMAN VISITING SQUADRON.**  
BERLIN, May 2.—The squadron of warships to visit America will start May 11.

**POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL.**  
WASHINGTON, May 2.—The House has passed the Postoffice appropriation bill.

**ARTIST DAVENPORT DEAD.**  
NEW YORK, May 2.—Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, is dead.

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### GAS EXTENSION ON DIFFERENT ROUTES PROCEEDS RAPIDLY

In order that traffic on Beretania street may be disturbed as little as possible, the Honolulu Gas Company, at a meeting of its directors held yesterday, decided not to wait for materials ordered, but to buy pipe locally and at once lay its new 4-inch line will extend past the Kamehameha street. By this action the work will be done coincident with the laying of the new water mains on that thoroughfare. At the same time the company will take up from Beretania street the present 2-inch pipe.

#### Kalihi Getting Gas.

Reports received at yesterday's meeting indicate that the work of developing the equipment of the company is proceeding in a most satisfactory manner. For some time past the company has been engaged in extending its supply lines Kalihi way, and this extension is about three-fourths finished. The manager also reported that more connections are being ordered made than had even been hoped for. When completed the line will extend past the Kamehameha ha schools, and some distance up Kalihi road.

#### Kaimuki Extension Soon.

The pipe and other materials ordered for the extension of the system to Kaimuki is expected here by the 10th of June, when it will be at once installed. The 4-inch extension from Asia street, above mentioned, is to be carried out beyond Panahoa, from whence two-inch branches will distribute the product to Manoa and to Kaimuki districts.

#### Many Improvements.

The new 200,000-foot gas holder, which has been building at the gas works for some time, will be finished about June 1. This is the third holder that has been found necessary since

that plant was established, the first being of 10,000 cubic feet capacity and the second 50,000, thus making in all a storage capacity of 260,000 cubic feet.

W. R. Castle, president of the company, stated this morning that the improvements under way, together with those authorized, represent an expenditure of about \$100,000.

That the company is considering permanency is indicated by the fact that all pipes which it is now laying are given a coating of an asphalt point, then wrapped with burlap, and again dipped in the compound, after which they are laid in the trenches.

A patent tamping machine, operated by a gasoline engine, has also been ordered, which it is claimed will replace earth in street trenches so firmly that there will be absolutely no settling later, and consequently no future repairs to street paving.

### SAVED HIS HAT BUT GOT HURT

Yesterday afternoon about 3:55 o'clock Harold Castle in automobile No. 921, ran over and seriously injured a Japanese named Hashimoto.

The injured man is at present in Queen's Hospital being treated for internal injuries.

It appears that Hashimoto was on the sidewalk near Liliha and King streets when his hat blew off into the road.

He ran after it and was picking it up when Harold Castle came along in his car and knocked him down.